Remarks

Claims 1-36 are pending.

Claims 1-36 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 16 and 22 have been amended.

Claims 1-36 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the title as being non-descriptive. Applicants have amended the title accordingly and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ng et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,131,096). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and submit the following remarks in response.

The present independent claim 1 is directed to a method for use in a first device, to configure a second device to perform data synchronization with the first device. The method includes transmitting to the second device, from a first device instructions for generating a web-based user interface on the second device, the web-based user interface for use on the second device being the same interface as used on the first device.

The user interface is programmed to elicit from a user at the second device information identifying a personal information manager (PIM) used on the second device, and to transmit the information to the first device via the communication

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connection.

The second device is provided a synchronization package based on the PIM-identifying information including a synchronization application, where the synchronization application is installed on the second device to be utilized via the web-based user interface. The web-based user interface is programmed to elicit from the user synchronization information regarding data to be synchronized, and to provide the synchronization information to the synchronization application installed on the second device from the first device.

As noted in paragraph [0006] of the present application, prior art synchronization processes have several disadvantages including the use of a second windows-based interface, used to install the synchronization components and to configure synchronization with the primary web-based calendar application.

This is addressed by the present arrangement as claimed. For example, as noted in paragraph [0012], the web-based user interface presents the settings used to configure the user-side synchronization application, and thus presents to the user only one interface for configuration, rather than two as in the prior art.

The cited prior art, namely Ng, is one such prior art system, where a "downloadable" synchronization program is requested and delivered to the second device. See for example, column 2, lines 24-30 and column 4, lines 20-24. Such an arrangement requires the user to request and retrieve a downloadable executable file from a server to be installed and run locally. This downloadable file has its own interface (PIM Interface) with which to receive commands from the user to communicate for synchronization. See column 6, lines 28-37.

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As such Applicants respectfully submit that the Ng reference does not teach or suggest all of the elements of the independent claims. For example, there is no teaching or suggestion in Ng that discloses, transmitting to the second device from a first device, instructions for generating a web-based user interface on the second device, the web-based user interface for use on the second device being the same interface as used on the first device,
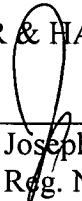
For at least this reason, Applicants request that the rejection of independent claims 1, 16 and 22 be withdrawn. Also, as claims 2-15, 17-21 and 23-36 depend from these claims, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-36 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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